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# Basil

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**Basil** was a species of fragrant herb that received culinary usage across west,[7] northwest,[1] and central Faerûn.[4]

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*Summer caprese salad with basil.*

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| **Basic information** | |
| Type | Herb |
| Grows in | Waterdeep, Sword Coast[1] Neverwinter, Sword Coast North[2] Monksblade,[3] Cormyr[4] Myth Drannor, Cormanthor[5] Amn, Lands of Intrigue[6] Calimshan, West Faerûn[7] |
| **General information** | |
| Usage | Food |
| Consumed by | Humanoids |

## Availability

Jarred dried basil could be found among other spices and herbs used for cooking in the City of Splendors, Waterdeep.[1] Dried herbs and spiced found in the ruins of the ancient city of Myth Drannor included basil.[5]

*Aurora's Whole Realms Catalogue* offered basil in several directories, each packaged and priced differently. The *Priest's Alcove* offered 4 oz bags of basil for 7 gp,[8] a single ounce from *Aurora's Larder* was sold for a single sp,[9] and a pint of basil jelly costed 5 sp.[10]

## Usages

Some inhabitants of Cormyr prepared wild roasted rabbits, flavored with shallots and basil.[4] In Monksblade, the Firedagger Inn served locally-picked mushrooms, fried in butter with a sprinkle of basil, firefruit or lemon juice.[3]

Neverwinter's own Moonstone Mask offered a mussel-and-basil soup.[2] During summer months, caprese salads were served in Neverwinter, made with basil, tomatoes, and cheese, sprinkled with salt and drizzled with olive oil.[11]

The Jester's Pride inn in the village of Julkoun added basil, chopped garlic, lemon, or other fruits or berries to reheated stews.[12] Another Faerûnean food that used basil was fireseared trout under a shield of basil-shot potato, flanked with a ladle of sour apple and spiced lime chopped-sauce.[13]

The Battlescarred Bard inn along the Trade Way in Amn served a salad called Chopforest that was garnished by basil.[6]

In the land of Calimshan, the cooking technique called *asarth* involved sautéing things in butter along with various seasonings, herbs, and butter, including basil, onions, leeks, garlic, chives, ginger, leaves of limes, and hotleaves.[7]

### Medicine

Some believed that basil was a curative herb, beneficial for the afflictions of nervous system.[14]

### Magic

The *find familiar* spell required material component – 100 gold pieces worth of incense, basil, savory, and catnip.[15]

## Trivia

Basil's distinct sweet herbal aroma was imitated by the bloodthorn plant, mixed with the scent of mint.[16] Saurials exuded aroma of basil when they felt desire or longing.[17]

## Appendix

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